

Workforce Development Council – 5/10/00
“Talking Points”

- I have obtained additional information concerning North Carolina’s workforce development efforts.
- 1999 legislation established the North Carolina Commission on Workforce Development within the NC Department of Commerce
 - 38 member commission, led by a private sector chair
 - representatives from business community, heads of state workforce agencies, educators, community leaders, and organized labor representatives
 - Predominant purpose of commission: advise state leaders on recommended policies and programs to enhance the skill and expertise of the state’s workforce
 - Just as you have done, the Commission has developed 12-goals, as outlined in its Five Year Strategic Plan, to help ensure the employability of the state’s workforce
- North Carolina Commission on Workforce Development’s inventory of the state’s workforce development programs for the two-year period of July 1, 1997, to June 30, 1999.
- North Carolina’s inventory presents information about 47 workforce development programs operating within seven state agencies and one independent organization.
- The training provided by workforce agencies is diverse and includes occupational skill training, literacy training, youth employability training, adult retraining, apprenticeship and job search assistance.
- Programs also assist customers with obtaining childcare, transportation, medical assistance, personal counseling or other services that will enable them to obtain and maintain employment.
- Although many programs serve the general public, some focus on specific populations.

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- youth, economically disadvantaged, public assistance recipients, dislocated workers, migrant farmworkers, native Americans, older workers or the disabled
- For the 1997-98 year, a total of \$1,342,085,131 in federal, state and local funds was spent across the state for workforce development.
 - Of this amount, \$538,053,601 were federal funds, \$739,254,935 were state funds and \$64,776,595 were local funds. (narrative)
 - Incomplete spreadsheet, but appears as if the Department of Commerce received the majority of federal funds
- For 1998-99, North Carolina spent \$1,445,201,581 in federal, state and local funds for workforce development.
 - Of this amount \$548,837,959 were federal funds, \$800,832,708 were state funds and \$95,530,914 were local.
 - Majority of federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services

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I emailed Michael Aheron, NC Commission on Workforce Development

Should \$207 million question come up, Gov. Hunt shared this with Governor Musgrove.

